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RE: WC Docket Number 12-375

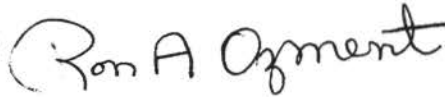
Dear Secretary Dortch,

This correspondence is for the support of lowering prison phone rates. The FCC did cap long distance phone rates after 11 years of families trying. We are grateful for that change. However this order did not apply to in state calls which now in some cases, in some states are now more costly than the long distant rates. In-state calls make up for 85% of all calls from prisons and jails. It is important for incarcerated persons to maintain contact with friends and family, as that helps the inmates' reintroduction into the community. Many studies show communication is critical for this to happen.

Presently I am paying \$1.00 connection fee for a one-half hour call and .13 a minute. The Nevada Department of Corrections keeps raising the call rates and I am not notified in advance of the rate change. I am on a fixed income and it is difficult for me to call my loved one often and still be able to pay my rent, buy my groceries and medications. May I also suggest that the large commissions paid to the department of corrections be reduced.

Please make my comment part of the **WC Docket Number 12-375**.

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